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In re Application of :  
T. Allan Hamilton, et al. :  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 8, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed February 14, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. An office communication was mailed May 1, 2001 indicating that a reply filed on March 16, 2001 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the office had no record of receipt of the alleged Preliminary Amendment. Since the above mentioned reply appeared to be *bona fide*, petitioner was given a time period of one (1) month or thirty (30) days from the mailing date of the notice, whichever is longer, within to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on June 2, 2001.

The Power of Attorney has been accepted and recorded.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Retta Williams at (703) 306-5594 or in my absence, Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600, Art Unit 2633 for further processing.

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